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Filing Date: January 6, 2000 Examiner: Robin A. Hylton

Assignee: Pacific Market, Inc.

Title: TWIST LID FOR DRINKWARE

cant: Michelle J. Pillers et al.

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DECLARATION OF BRENDA RUTHRAUFF

Attorney Docket No. PMAI-1-1401

I, Brenda Ruthrauff, declare as follows:

- 1. I am the legal assistant to Michael J. Folise, the attorney authorized to prosecute this application.
- 2. Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of the Notice of Abandonment as found in the above-referenced file.
- 3. Exhibit B is a true and correct copy of the Change of Correspondence Address dated January 10, 2003 as found in the above-referenced file.
- 4. Exhibit C is a true and correct copy of the return postcard evidencing Exhibit 3 above as found in the above-referenced file.
- 5. Exhibit D is a true and correct copy of the Status Inquiry dated March 4, 2003 as found in the above-referenced file.
- 6. Exhibit E is a true and correct copy of the return postcard for Exhibit D as found in the above-referenced file.
- 7. Exhibit F is a true and correct copy of the remailed Notice of Abandonment dated October 27, 2004 as found in the above-referenced file.

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Where there is no dispute as to whether an application is abandoned (e.g. the applicant's contentions merely involve the cause of abandonment) a petition under 37 CFR § 1.137 (a) unavoidable or (b) unintentionally (accompanied by the appropriate petition fee) is necessary to revive the abandoned application.

Petitions under 37 CFR § 1.137 should be addressed to the Office of Petitions as follows:

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January 10, 2003

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CHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

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The undersigned attorney of record requests that the correspondence address in the above-identified application be changed to:

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TWIST LID FOR INSULATED BEVERAGE CONTAINER

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STATUS INQUIRY

Commissioner for Patents:

More than three months have passed since the filing of a response in the aboveidentified application on November 6, 2002. No further communication has been received from the Patent and Trademark Office indicating action in this matter. Applicants request that the undersigned attorney of record be advised of the present status of the above-identified application by checking the appropriate box below. A stamped return-addressed envelope is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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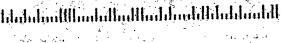
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